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Re: Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. - Request for Information  
Diamond Alkali Superfund Site - Passaic River Study Area

Dear Ms. Wagner:

I am writing you to confirm our telephone conversation of May 21, 1996 regarding the timing of Reichhold's response to the above-referenced Request for Information.

As I mentioned to you on the telephone, a great deal of the information which EPA seeks pursuant to the above-referenced Request for Information pertains to Reichhold's Doremus Avenue facility. That particular facility was involved in a fire/explosion in 1992. As a result of that incident, there has been an extensive amount of litigation involving several law firms. In addition, as there has been significant discovery in conjunction with that litigation, there is a significant amount of material which must be reviewed in order to respond to the Request for Information. We will be working diligently with Reichhold and the other counsel involved in that litigation to review this information as it may be relevant to the Request for Information.

We are confirming that the Agency has agreed that Reichhold has until and including July 12, 1996 in which to respond to this Request for Information. If the volume of documents indicates that this time frame is not reasonable, I will again contact you regarding the timing of Reichhold's response.

We appreciate your courtesies in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

PHILLIPS, LYTLE, HITCHCOCK, BLAINE &amp; HUBER

By

David P. Flynn

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